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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 5-9 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-4 are therefore pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-4.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly not enabled. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 8 and 9.

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 5-7.

Claim 7 is objected to because of informalities. This objection is most in view of the cancellation of claim 7.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. No fee is believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 14878-065001.

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